

Alzheimer's Network Trials Unit, St. Louis, Missouri; and Richard C. Mohs, Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation, and Maria Carrillo, Alzheimer's Association, both of Chicago, Illinois.

2020 ELECTION IRREGULARITIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine irregularities in the 2020 election, after receiving testimony from Donald Palmer, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Representative Frank Ryan, Lebanon; James R. Troupis, Troupis Law Firm, Cross Plains, Wisconsin; Jesse Binnall, Harvey and Binnall, PLLC, Alexandria, Virginia; Chris Krebs, former Director of the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Washington, D.C.; and Ken Starr, Waco, Texas.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Raul M.

Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HONG KONG'S PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration concluded a hearing to examine supporting Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement through United States refugee policy, after receiving testimony from Senators Rubio and Menendez; Julian Ku, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York; Joey Siu, Hong Kong Watch; Samuel M. Chu, Hong Kong Democracy Council, Washington, D.C.; Nathan Law, former Member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, London, United Kingdom; and Jenny Yang, World Relief, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of Refugee Council USA.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 8974–8995; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106; and H. Res. 1266 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5047, to require the Administrator of General Services to conduct an annual audit of properties leased to private parties, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–655);

H.R. 5013, to apply the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to small businesses to the same extent as such Act applies to consumers, to require the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to define “small business” for purposes of such Act, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–656);

Hijacking our Heroes: Exploiting Veterans Through Disinformation on Social Media (H. Rept. 116–657);

H.R. 3948, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to extend the provisions of that Act to cover a debt collector who is collecting debt owed to a State or local government, to index award amounts under such Act for inflation, to provide for

civil injunctive relief for violations of such Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–658); and

H.R. 3068. A bill to establish an offshore wind career training grant program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–659, Part 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McCollum to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the over 300,000 Americans who have passed away a result of the COVID–19 virus.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Homeless Veterans Coronavirus Response Act of 2020: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 7105, to provide flexibility for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in caring for homeless veterans during a covered public health emergency; **Pages H7169–H7211**

Transparency and Effective Accountability Measures for Veteran Caregivers Act: S. 2216, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to formally

recognize caregivers of veterans, notify veterans and caregivers of clinical determinations relating to eligibility for caregiver programs, and temporarily extend benefits for veterans who are determined ineligible for the family caregiver program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 380 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 244; **Pages H7211–13, H7224–25**

Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act of 2020: S. 3312, to establish a crisis stabilization and community reentry grant program;

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Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains Act: S. 2174, amended, to expand the grants authorized under Jennifer’s Law and Kristen’s Act to include processing of unidentified remains, resolving missing persons cases;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To the extent provided in advance in appropriations Act, the Attorney General is authorized to use funds appropriated for the operationalization, maintenance, and expansion of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) for the purpose of carrying out this Act”;

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One Small Step to Protect Human Heritage in Space Act: S. 1694, amended, to require any Federal agency that issues licenses to conduct activities in outer space to include in the requirements for such licenses an agreement relating to the preservation and protection of the Apollo 11 landing site;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to add recommendations and inform other relevant agencies of information relating to the principle of due regard and the limitation of harmful interference with Apollo landing site artifacts, and for other purposes.”; and

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Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility Act: S. 2472, to redesignate the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at Plum Brook Station, Ohio, as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility.

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Correcting the enrollment of S. 3312: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to

S. Con. Res. 52, to correct the enrollment of S. 3312, as amended by Representative Bass.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress that the national emergency with respect to the prevalence and severity of human rights abuse and corruption that was declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017 is to continue in effect beyond December 20, 2020. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116-173).

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Senate Referrals: S. 2032 was held at the desk. S. 2054 was held at the desk. S. 3152 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7169.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on page H7224–25.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Role of Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family in the Opioid Epidemic”, 9 a.m., Webex.